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FCC Announces Policy for Issuing Refunds For Suspended Application Fees

This Notice announces the FCC's policy on refunds for the overpayment of application fees. The Commission suspended the originally announced September 10, 2002 effective date of the FY 2002 Schedule of Charges for Application Fees until notice of the increased fee Schedule was published in the Federal Register. The revised Schedule was published in the Federal Register on November 5, 2002, and became effective on December 5, 2002.

Some filers tendered the increased application fees before the new Schedule went into effect on December 5, 2002. This resulted in an overpayment of application fees by these filers. Some of these filers have requested refunds of the overpaid fees.

The Commission has determined that 47 C.F.R. § 1.1113(a) Note will govern requests for refunds of overpaid application fees. The Note provides, "Payment in excess of an application fee will be refunded only if the overpayment is \$10 or more." Payments that were based on the 2002 Application Fee Schedule, before it went into effect on December 5, 2002, and exceeded the FY 2000 Schedule by \$10 or more will be refunded. Overpayments of less than \$10 will not be refunded.

Those filers who overpaid their application fees by \$10 or more are required under the refund rule to submit a formal request for refund. These refunds will be handled as quickly as possible once a request has been received. The request for refund should be addressed to the Managing Director, Attn: Revenue and Receivables Operations Group, 445 12th Street, S.W, Washington, DC 20554.

If you have any questions regarding your particular filing, please contact Claudette Pride, Chief, Revenue and Receivables Operations Group at (202) 418-1995.